

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** appropriate early learning standards are vital to quality education opportunities for the children of South Carolina; and

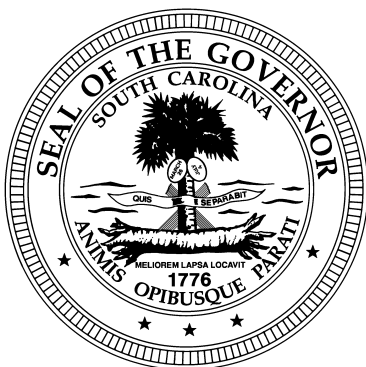
**WHEREAS,** South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness is a comprehensive, results-oriented statewide education initiative to help prepare children to reach first grade healthy and ready to succeed; and

**WHEREAS,** through county partnerships, First Steps provides funding and support for high-quality early childhood development and education services as well as support for families' efforts to enable their children to reach school ready to learn.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2007, as

### DILLON COUNTY FIRST STEPS AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to help ensure our children enter school prepared and motivated to learn, finish school, and enter the workplace.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**